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A MONONGAHELA "PIPE DREAM."

"Times" Says That Unless A Change is Made in Umpiring League May Disband.

The Monongahela Times famous for pipe dreams has now sprung another. It seems the sporting editor is the gent who has been hitting the pipe and as a result he is predicting the downfall of the Valley League unless there is a change made in the umpiring system. He holds up Saturday's game here at Monessen as an example of the bad umpiring going on. After all, the Times, blowing about what Monongahela had and could do to Monessen her pets came up here last Saturday and got walloped. Then the Times did the baby act by bawling like a two year old over a spanking and laid the defeat of the Monongahelians to the alleged bad work of the umpire who happened to be a local man.

Everyone who saw that game through unprejudiced eyes knows that it was nothing but the rotten work of the Monongahelia pitcher in the last inning which lost the game for the visitors. If there was any short end in the matter of decisions Monessen was the one who suffered as in one inning Monongahela scored two runs that would have been an easy out, because the umpire failed to see a runner hit by a batted ball. According to the dopey writer of the Times a visiting team can always get a square deal at either Monongahela, Charleroi, California or Belle Vernon, but not so at Fayette City or Monessen.

We would like to ask his nibs about some of Eddie Dunn's work, whether or not he thinks it was just on the square. If Monessen is such a crooked place why has there not been some kick before? He intimates that others are knocking but that they are doing so privately. If there are any other knockers its a cinch they are in the same class with the Monongahela bunch, squealers.

If the Monongahela team is a loosing proposition why dont they come out and say so and not try to lay their desire to quit the league to bad umpiring. If this threat to finish the season as an independent team is made for the purpose of intimidating the umpire into giving them the better of the decision they will get left as they will get a square deal and no more. As far as a game on neutral grounds is concerned there is no doubt but what it can be arranged but it looks to us as if Monongahela will have all she can do to win a reasonable number of the scheduled games without looking for more trouble.

PARK WILL BE CLEANED.

At the regular meeting of council last Thursday night a committee was appointed to take up the work of cleaning the public park and having the grounds put in better shape. Pore, Cushing and Hileman compose the committee.

Last night a meeting was held in the borough engineers office and preliminary arrangements made to begin the crusade. It was decided to ask the various mills to co-operate in the work. Several of the superintendents have already expressed a willingness to contribute in any possible way toward the improvement and others will be consulted. Tonight another meeting will be held when a general report will be made and a definite time set to begin. It is likely that tomorrow or Friday will be the day set when a general war will be waged against briars, bushes, weeds, and trees and for once the park grounds will be improved. Every citizen of the town is asked to cooperate in this movement and lend every possible assistance.

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INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

A cool delicious lemonade at Kirk's Fountain.

Miss Annie Miller is ill of the mumps at present.

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Miss Maggie Vogel of Wilkinsburg spent a week with her sister Mrs. John Hoffman of Reed avenue.

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Sam Meyers will leave tomorrow morning on the early train for a three weeks vacation in the East. Sam will stop at New York City, Troy and Philadelphia.

Just opened a case of Eaton Huelbut stationery. Come in and take a look at it—Light's Drug Store.

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Quite a number of Monessen people attended the dance at Eldora park last evening which was given by the Comma Pai club of Belle Vernon.

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Mrs J. A. Glenn, and two daughters, Helen and Dora, of Braddock, who have been visiting the fore part of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowlin returned home today.

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WAS TENDERED A SUPRISE.

An agreeable birthday suprise was tendered Mrs. Margaret Carnes at her home in Rostraver township east of town Monday evening. The affair was planned by several intimate friends of the lady, she not knowing anything of their intentions until the people began to gather.

About sixty persons were present a number being from Monessen and several from Webster. Dancing, vocal and instrumental music and games were features that helped along with the evening's enjoyment. Mrs. Carnes was the recipient of numerous presents. A most excellent lunch was served.

Picnic Was a Success.

The picnic and dance which was given by the Hebrew Ladies' Aid at Electric park last evening proved successful beyond all expectations and although the ladies worked hard to push the affair along, they are more than pleased with the result of their efforts. The refreshment counter was kept going all the time and proved quite profitable to the committee as well as adding much to the comfort of those who attended the picnic, while to the strains of Greening's orchestra the light fantastic was tripped until a late hour. A large number attended and not one went home disappointed.

FOR SALE—A few common hens, and Perkin ducks, 801 Sixth street.

WERE MARRIED LAST NIGHT.

Conrad Grim of Monessen Married Last Night at the Home of Bride's Sister.

A very beautiful home wedding took place last evening at 5 o,clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs Florence Cooley Schoonmaker avenue when Miss Mary DeTemple of Pittsburg sister of Mrs Cooley became the bride of Conrad Grim of Monessen. The home was elaborately decorated for the occasion and promptly at the hour named the bridal party entered the parlor where the ceremony was performed by Rev. M. M. Allbeck pastor of the English Lutheran church.

The attendants were Miss Mary Cooley of McKeesport maid of honor and Mr. Clarence Croushore of Belle Vernon groomsman. About fifty persons witnessed the marriage most of whom were immediate relatives of the two families. After congratulations were showered a delicate supper was in readiness and all repaired to the dining room where the feast was in waiting. The young couple left on an extended honeymoon tour and upon their return they will go to housekeeping in Monessen. The best wishes of their friends go with them for a happy and prosperous lifes voyage.

Will Organize Sunday School Asso.

The Rostraver township Sunday school will meet in Monessen July 20, in the Presbyterian church for the purpose of organizing a Sunday school association. The President of the Westmoreland County Sunday school association will likely be present to address the gathering.

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WE WANT ORDER.

If a policeman is sent after a man his duty is to get him. If the officer is compelled to use violent force in order to make the arrest, he should do it and the people who stand for peace and good order in a community should honor the officer who does his duty bravely and fearlessly. Those who are in the custody of the law should also strive to encourage and emulate the side of right for it is essential to the safety of mankind and the fulfillment of an oath of every public office holder. The case of the Slavish man named Smith who brought suit before Squire Bell of Belle Vernon against the three Monessen policemen for assault and battery furnishes food for reflection. These policemen took a disorderly prisoner to jail. They did their duty. Nothing more, nothing less. The man after being fined by the Mayor went out of the city, trumped up a charge and succeeded in having the three officers of the law held for court. In all probability the Grand jury will ignore the bill and place the costs on the prosecution just what should be done, but the criticism falls on the local court where the case was first tried. It is there where the example should be set for law and order and the conduct of an officer upheld if that officer is worthy. We should strive to discourage rowdyism and compel people to respect civility.

How rich is Rockefeller? asks an exchange. Aw, come off. Why is a hen? That's just as easy to ask—and to answer.

THAT Ohio judge had the sense of humor when he placed the ice man in the "cooler."

MONESSEN will become afflicted with an awful epidemic this fall. Everybody will have "Rolleritis." The rink will be ready by September 1.

THE time when a man feels his utter helplessness is when he is asked to hold a strange baby for a few minutes and the infant begins to take off its lid and yell.

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"THE SONG OF THE SHIRT."

It Proved the Most Popular Thing Hood Ever Wrote.

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"The Song of the Shirt" appeared in the Christmas number of the fifth volume of Punch. It was unsigned, but every paper in the land quoted it, and it speedily became the talk of the day. Hood himself did not think it very remarkable, but Mrs. Hood had said to him as she folded it for press: "Now, mind, Hood, mark my words, this will tell wonderfully. It is one of the best things you ever did."

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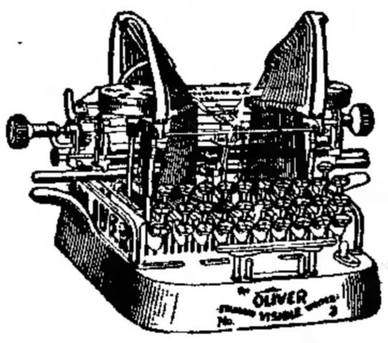

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Hymen In An Auto

By Edith M. Doane

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"A presumptuous young coxcomb! Does he think that his money gives him a right to make love to Charlotte Pearson?"

"But, father"—

"I tell you there's nothing more to be said!" stormed the colonel.

Charlotte's slender figure stiffened. The brown eyes flamed with a defiance very like the colonel's own.

"He has a right to demand justice," she insisted. "There are nothing but the best accounts of him on every side. Yet just because of that old grudge against his father you forbid him the house."

"And I shall see to it that he stays out. Presumptuous young jackanapes!" interrupted the colonel explosively.

"But I love him!"

"Love him!" The colonel looked as if he would burst.

Charlotte's cheeks were flushed; her eyes were very bright. "And I intend to marry him," she finished as the heavy portiere fell behind her.

The colonel glared impotently at the unoffending yellow curtain; then, plunging his hands into his pockets, stalked up and down the room, boiling with wrath.

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As the deep tones of the town clock struck 12 a motor car tore along the road at high speed. It was a red car.

THE OLD MAN CLIMBED INTO THE WAITING AUTO.

and in the brilliant moonlight that made the night as clear as day its occupants were plainly visible—a girl in a long, loose automobile coat and a man who drove the machine with desperate haste, his eyes steadfastly on the road except when he turned to regard his companion with rapturous delight.

Charlotte had been in earnest. She loved her bluff, choleric father, but he should have known it was impossible to forbid a daughter of two and twenty to marry a man of irreproachable character who was able and anxious to marry her.

"It is so daring!" she had objected.

"Yes, but there is no other way, and I love you so," Osborne pleaded, and the look in his eyes had melted Charlotte's last lingering scruple.

The machine whirled along at a reckless pace, spinning along the smooth, hard road, taking the hills with dizzy intrepidity.

"What if something should happen?" suggested Charlotte nervously as they breasted a long slope and, turning abruptly, dipped suddenly down a dangerous descent.

Robert Osborne seized the lever of the hand brake and jammed it on. "Something is going to happen," he returned blissfully. His eyes, watchful and alert, were on the road before him, but his voice left nothing to be desired.

"I didn't mean that," said Charlotte, with a radiant smile. "I meant"—

As they swung around a curve at a desperate pace and struck a bit of level road Osborne let out the machine another notch, and Charlotte's voice trailed into silence as the car gave a quick jump and tore along the firm, level surface.

"Whatever you mean, it won't make any difference, dear." The motor beat a continuous accompaniment to Osborne's voice. "You are mine, and I won't give you up. Mine. Do you hear, dear?"

The fresh air rushing past cooled her face—and fears. She looked, with a sense of security, at the tense, watchful figure beside her. Yes; she was glad she had come, but—

"It is daring," she said softly again.

The car dashed on, speeding past wooded slopes, scudding through the bright patches of moonlight. As they whirled around a short curve the scattered houses on the outskirts of a town came into view. They drove quietly through the deserted streets. A low set, yellow light twinkled from the vicarage window—all the other houses were darkened. Osborne drove cautiously up to the little lighted house.

The door was opened by a ruddy, kindly featured old man who, greeting them cheerily, ushered them into a pleasant, homelike room.

"This is very irregular," he said, half smiling, half disapproving. "It is only because I have known you, Robert, ever since you were born and baptized you and confirmed you that I am willing."

Breaking off abruptly, he took Charlotte's hand in his and regarded her searchingly.

"Are you quite sure you will have nothing to regret in this hasty marriage?"

"I am sure." Charlotte blushed crimson, but met his eyes unflinchingly.

Then the minister opened his prayer book and Robert took her hand in his and drew her gently forward.

"I, Robert, take thee, Charlotte"—

Just then there broke on the stillness of the night a sound that froze the words on his lips.

It was the continuous, rapid beat of a motor car, and they knew it at once for what it was—the roar of the colonel's automobile.

Charlotte's face went white with terror and Osborne's mouth settled in one grim straight line as he dashed to the door.

The distant trees loomed specter-like in the white glare of the headlights as the car dashed toward the vicarage.

With one quick swing of his powerful shoulders Osborne grasped Charlotte and lifted her into his car.

"Come with us! Get into the car!" he commanded the minister desperately.

For an instant Osborne thought he would not do it, and then unexpectedly the old man climbed into the waiting automobile.

Osborne bounded on the step, seized the steering wheel and started the car. The throb of the motor deepened and the car was off with a bound.

"Now go on! Finish it!" demanded Osborne.

"This is most irregular," demurred the minister. He stopped—hesitated—and then glanced back at the approaching headlights, and the ministerial shoulders squared in a decidedly unministerial fashion; the ministerial jaw set itself stubbornly; the ministerial eyes regarded the young couple before him sympathetically.

"I am ready," he said.

"I, Robert, take thee, Charlotte," in Osborne's firm voice to the rhythmical accompaniment of the chug, chug of the motor.

"I, Charlotte, take thee, Robert," while the wind blew fresh in their faces and trees and houses raced swiftly by.

"Whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder." And Robert Osborne leaned toward his wife and kissed her on the lips.

The pursuing car had been following hard on the retreating red disk of the runaway motor, and when it slowed down the other car was beside it.

"Just in time!" cried the colonel triumphantly. He was breathless and disheveled and still bubbling with wrath.

The minister smiled at him cordially. "Yes, sir," he responded genially, "just in time, sir, to give them your blessing."

Training Hawks.

In training hawks instinctive fear of man is the first obstacle to overcome, and, as usual in taming all wild creatures, hunger is the first and foremost means to bring it into subjection. As soon as it will consent to take food from the hand and submit to be handled, stroked and hooded without much struggling or "baiting," as it is termed, the first step is made in its education. Much tact and gentleness, together with perfect quiet, will work wonders in inducing it to feed. The first form of hood used is called a "rufter hood," being looser in shape and softer and having a larger opening for the beak than the hood proper. This hood, which every hawk has to become accustomed to wear at all times, except when flying, is stiff and blocked to fit the head, care being taken that the prominent eyes are not rubbed or injured by imperfect fit, and is gayly ornamented on top with a tuft of scarlet or other colored wool, surmounted with a small bunch of feathers. It is of the first importance in training hawks, and by means of it they can be handled and carried anywhere, among all sorts of sights and scenes that, were they not blindfolded, would cause the hawks to bate so violently that injury to themselves would result.

Getting a Verdict.

A Texas correspondent tells "Law Notes" how an obstinate juryman was circumvented by his fellow judges of the facts. The offence charged was assault with intent to murder. After the jury had been out about two hours they returned the following verdict: "We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of aggravated assault, and assess his punishment at $25 fine, and herewith pay the fine." On inquiry as to the meaning of the last clause of the verdict, it came out that eleven of the jurors had agreed that the defendant was not guilty, but the twelfth doggedly hung out for a conviction for aggravated assault, and would not consent to a punishment less than a fine of $25. Finding it a hopeless task to bring over the obstinate one to their way of thinking, the eleven finally decided to agree with him, and "chipped in" enough to pay the fine.

Janin's Rebuke.

Jules Janin, the celebrated French writer and critic, was not malicious, but occasionally he would say a severe thing, as if it were wrung from him without his being able to hold it back. One day a rich but ill natured man, who made sad havoc of the French language, called upon Janin and began a tirade upon some trivial matter in execrable French.

After listening politely for some time Janin at last replied to his visitor in Latin.

"What do you mean, M. Janin?" demanded the man angrily. "I don't understand you. I can't speak Latin."

"Try, sir, try!" cried the great critic. "You could not speak it worse than you do French."

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Yesterday's Results

Fayette City, 3. Monessen, 0.

Roscoe-Cal, 3. Charleroi, 2.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Clubs	Won	Lost	Pct.
Charleroi	16	6	.727
California	14	7	.667
Monongahela	9	9	.500
Belle Vernon	9	11	.450
Monessen	7	13	.350
Fayette City	6	15	286

Games Today

Monongahela at Belle Vernon.

Fayette City Whitewashes Locals.

Fayette City beat Moressen at Athletic park yesterday afternoon in an interesting game by the score of 3 to 0, getting sweet revenge for the many defeats received at the hands of the locals. H. Elliott pitched for the visitors and was a puzzle to the home batters, they getting but four hits off his delivery. His support was excellent. Blumling was again in the pitcher's box for Monessen and pitched a good game. Except in the second when Broman's loose fielding allowed two runs to come in and the fourth when another was secured, the visitors were at the mercy of his curves. The score:

Monessen.—	R	H.	P.	A	E.
T. Haywood, 3	0	0	2	0	0
McKibben, l,	0	0	2	0	0
Cratty, l,	0	0	10	1	0
Kirk, s,	0	0	2	2	0
Broman, r	0	1	1	0	0
Vaughn, m,	0	1	1	0	0
Bolig, 2,	0	1	3	2	0
Garland, c	0	0	6	1	0
Blumling, p,	0	1	0	5	1
Totals	0	4	27	11	1

Fayette City	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Carroll, m,	0	1	1	0	0
O'Brien, s,	0	0	0	3	1
Wilson, 1,	0	1	6	0	0
H. Elliot, p	0	0	1	2	0
O'Neil, 2,	2	0	4	3	0
G. Elliot, 3,	0	0	4	0	0
W. Carroll, l	1	1	2	0	0
Gillie, r,	0	2	3	0	0
Wood, c,	0	1	6	3	0
Totals	3	6	27	11	1

Monessen 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
Fayette City 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—3

Three-base hits — Gillie. Hit by pitcher—By Blumling, 2; by Elliot, 2. Bases on balls—Off Elliott, 4. Struck out—By Blumling, 5; by Elliot, 3. Time—1.25 Umpire—Leamon.

Base Ball Scraps.

Its the Champs next.

Turned the tables on us that time.

Shut out by tail enders. Oh Mercy!

Fayette City got even-st revenge yesterter.

Gillie banged the ball for three sacks yesterday.

Broman presented Fayette City with two of its three runs.

Kirk, the Ex-Champ is putting up a nice game at short.

Garland and Cratty left their batting eyes at home yesterday. It's bingles we need boys.

Monessen got lammed yesterday and had umpiring wasn't the reason either.

And Monongahela threatens to quit the league, will some one please coax them back?

Say Champs be sure and give the Monongahela "babies" a square deal today.

Broman, Vaughen, Bolig and Blumling were the only Locals who swatted Elliot's curves safely yesterday.

Monongahela wants a game on neutral grounds. Some people never know when then have enough.

Yesterday's ten inning victory for Roscoe Cal. was the third time the Combines have defeated the Leaders

Probably the Umpiring system now in use in the Valley League could be bettered but "knocking" won't do it.

If Monessen and Fayette City are the only "Crooks" in the League its a wonder they don't raise h— when they come together.

READ THE "INDEPENDENT"

HUFF TELLS HIS STORY.

Philadelphia, June 10.—The special committee of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which is investigating the alleged irregularities in connection with the distribution of cars in the bituminous coal regions of Central Pennsylvania, tonight gave out a letter of explanation received from Congressman George F. Huff of Greensburg, Pa. whose name was linked with those of several Pennsylvania railroad officials and employes before the recent beings of the interstate commerce commission.

It was testified before the commission that Congressman Huff, who is interested in numerous coal companies, had given stock to certain Pennsylvania railroad officials and employes. No satisfactory explanation of the transactions having been presented at the hearing the special committee of the company invited Mr. Huff to give his version of the matter.

Congressman Huff, in his letter says he began developing coal lands in Pennsylvania at the suggestion of President Thomas A. Scott of the Pennsylvania in 1870, in order to increase the tonnage of the railroad. In forming coal companies the railroad officials and employes were invited to become members of syndicates, so as to assure the success of the enterprise.' Mr. Huff then goes on to show how the companies were formed and how the railroad people and others in the syndicates gave notes and made themselves personally liable for their share in the new companies.

Continuing he says:

"I wish it distinctly understood in the formation of these coal companies no stock was given away. The railroad officer in the syndicate got their stock as I got mine, and as everyone else who was in the syndicate got his. W. A. Patton assistant to President Cassatt, whose name has been mentioned in the interstate commerce commission investigation frequently gave his personal note for his share of money necessary to be raised and in each such instances his note was discounted and the money thus raised on it. He received no gift of stock whatever."

Congressman Huff expressed his willingness to appear before the committee to answer any question that might be asked him.

PLAINTIFF GETS JUDGMENT.

The case of Col C M Derickson against J. H. Threscher of Jeannetee in which the former makes a claim of $164.94 was heard before Justice of the Peace A. N. Shuster this afternoon and resulted in the plaintiff being rendered judgment for the amount against the defendent.

The sum represents a postage bill which Trescher contracted while he was proprietor of the "Leader," which was at that time published in Monessen but is now defunct.

Mr. Derickson was at that time postmaster and Trescher it seems had made application for second class postage rates and requested Mr. Dericeson to pay the third rate postage while this was pending and send the bill to him. Mr. Derickson fulfilled the agreement as a personal favor and Trescher afterward refused to pay the bill hence the suit. Squire Shuster gave judgment for the amount.

One Robber is Identified.

Pittsburg, July 10.—Alexander Dutch, a tinner, residing at Charlerol, was identified, and Robert Dabney, colored, partially identified this forenoon while in the office of the county detectives as having been implicated in the burglary of the residence of Mrs. A. T. Rafferty, Mt. Lebanon, on the evening of July 6. The identification was made by Miss M. Smith, a domestic employed by Mrs. Rafferty, who was positively certain as to Dutch, but not so certain as to the colored man.

Immediately after the identification Dutch and Dabney were taken before Alderman L. Ahern, where they were charged with burglary and committed to jail in default of bail.

CHICKEN COOP WAS RAIDED

The Roost of a Knox Avenue Resident Visited Last Night and a Fine Rooster Carried Away.

Cut throats, murderers, highwaymen crap shooters and lawless characters of almost every description have been operating in Monessen and vicinity for many weeks past and now the common chicken thief rushes to the foot lights to do his stunt. Look out now, poultry breeders be on the porch roof armed and ready for action, when your time comes and you are called upon to draw human blood to save the precious neck of a thoroughbred foul.

The first man whose back yard fell a prey to the chicken coop thief was Allison Davenport, who resides at the corner of Knox avenue and Sixth street. Mr. Davenport was awakened about midnight by an unearthly yell which penetrated his nervous system like the echoes of an old "horse fiddle" in the back yard at a country serenade. He jumped up in bed and rubbed his eyes and just then realized that some one was in the chicken pen and was robbing him of his high scoring bipeds.

Like a warrior he seized the shot gun, raised the rear window and leaped onto the porch roof just in time to see three burly negroes leave the back yard. He fired two shots but neither took effect in the anatomy of the thieves.

Mr. Davenport leaped to the ground and found only one of his fowls missing, his prize rooster valued at $10 00 cash. The gentleman will now stand guard over his chicken coop until the thieves are all captured or until he feels safe as to the protection of his property. Mr Davenport attaches no blame to the police force for his terrible loss but rather reasons the matter philosophically and says, "The police can't be every place." In all probability had the parties been one half minute later they would have never again faced the eastern horizon.

Will Hold Luncheon.

Don't forget the 15c lunch which will be served by the ladies of the M. E. church, tomorrow evening at the home of Mrs. Peggs on Donner avenue, near First street. Everyone is invited and a pleasant evening is assured all.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Money Wisely Expended Is Safely and Profitably Expended.

Beautified utility is never too costly. Over and over again the cost benefits of public improvements have been proved, defined, established. It is true of public betterments of a sanitary character; it is true of public betterments that look to commercial advancement; it is true of public betterments that have primarily an art value. The practical and the ornamental betterment are alike in this—that money wisely expended for good purposes is safely and profitably invested

The limitations of expenditures for civic betterment are of course very obvious. The work undertaken must be good in itself and serve some good purpose. Money expended for a worthless filtration plant, for example, is money worse than wasted. Money spent for bad art is not always considered as so completely lost as money that might be wasted for worthless sanitary apparatus The statue causes no ill health and may be avoided by passing down the next street, while an impure water supply brings death and destruction to many helpless persons.—Homes and Garden.

English and Scotch Precedence.

At the coronation of Charles I., the kingdoms of England and Scotland having been united during the reign of his father, considerable friction took place with regard to the order of precedence of the English and Scottish noblemen. An arrangement satisfactory to all parties was finally concluded, in virtue of which English peers while in England took precedence of Scottish peers of the same rank, while in Scotland this order was reversed, and the Scottish peers went first.

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THE LOTTERY OF MARRIAGE

[Original.]

"Johnny," said Brownlee Wilson, superintendent of the telegraph line, "I hear you're going to be married to the operator at I ...ll."

"Yes, sir," I replied, "and I'm going to get the loveliest"— A smile on Mr. Wilson's good natured face stopped me.

"There are many 'sayings' in which there is little truth," he said, "but there is one that contains 90 per cent truth—that marriage is a lottery. You're going in for a lottery, John, and you might as well be prepared for either a prize, a blank or—a tartar. Sit down and I'll tell you how it happened with me.

"Telegraph operators of opposite sexes made love over the wire when I was a young operator just as they do now. When I was just your age I almost melted the wire with the warm words I sent over it to a girl I'd never seen, though I had her photograph. She was very pretty, and from what she said by telegraph one would suppose butter wouldn't melt in her mouth. I admired strength of character in a girl, and my only fear for her was that she'd be putty in my hands.

"One day one of our fellows—Jim Burnet—came to my desk and said to me:

"'Brownlee, I've got a girl on the wire, and we've been doing some pretty lively lovemaking. Perhaps you're opposed to that sort of thing.'

"'Oh, that's all right,' I interrupted. 'Go on.'

"'Well, I've got to go away for a couple of weeks, and I'd be obliged if you'd take my place while I'm gone.'

"'Why not tell her you're going away?' I asked.

"'Well, the truth is,' he replied in a shamefaced manner, 'I'm going to be married to another girl, and I thought perhaps you wouldn't mind.'

"'Opening the furnace door and letting the fire go out. That's a nice thing to ask of a friend. However, you seem to be in for it, and I'll help you all I can.'

"Jim gave me the private call between him and the girl he was going to jilt and told me I'd be called up between 9 and 11 o'clock at night. Then he went away professing a high appreciation of the favor I was to do him and strong friendship for me. He proved the best friend I ever had, as I'm going to tell you.

"At half past 9 I got the call, sure enough. The girl was different from mine—a practical, sensible woman, and it was easy to see character written in every message she sent me. My talk with her was rather dull to me, for she was planning all the while what she and Jim, as she supposed, were going to do after marriage. Not a bit of that delicious lovemaking that my own girl gave me. However, it was just as well, for if I'd had two girls to talk sweet to it might have tired me.

"The night after Jim went away my own girl sent me word that she was not at all well and was going home. If she didn't call me for some time I mustn't be worried. A nice way to put it, wasn't it? Well, that's the last message I ever got from her. I blush to own that I became so interested in the problems I discussed with Jim's girl as to housekeeping and how to do it on a telegraph operator's income that I soon forgot about the poor sick girl, who might be dying while I was working up an interest in another.

"By the time Jim returned with his bride I had my head full of a pretty little cottage with a few necessary articles of boughten furniture besides those formed from all sorts of articles. One I remember was a chair made of a flour barrel. I told Jim of the situation, and he wasn't a bit jealous. Indeed he was greatly relieved and said he was eternally obliged to me.

"Shortly after his return I called on his bride and was struck with her likeness to the photograph of my girl—I mean my first girl, not Jim's. Then it rushed upon me that she—I mean had been—my girl. I took my pencil and tapped our private call on the table. She started, flamed up, then ran out of the room.

"I didn't say anything to Jim about it. I just let him go on thinking I knew nothing of his wife and after awhile concluded to go and see the girl he had turned over to me. She hadn't seen Jim, and I was to break the news of his marriage to her. I tell you that was the great work of my life—I mean to screw up my courage to tell the whole thing. The girl laughed at me. She had detected the difference between me and Jim the first evening I talked with her and had had a lot of fun out of me.

"Well, Johnny, I've come to the point of my story. As Jim Burnet had married my girl, I married his. His wife turned out to be an extravagant woman, and she ruined him. Then when he was in a hole she abused him and ended by leaving him. In my wife I drew a prize. From the first she had been a practical, common sense woman, fond of me and our children, affectionate, a splendid manager, a dear good woman"—

"Shut it off, Mr. Tilson. You're only giving me at one end of a love affair what I gave you at the other. We're all one till we know what we've drawn, and if we draw a prize we never get too old to be maudlin."

He looked at me with a comical expression on his face and then said impressively: "You're right, John. God grant that you have drawn a prize."

I haven't been married long enough to find out whether I have drawn a prize or not, but I'm moving along just the same as if I were certain of it, and that'll help to bring it out the right way. SUMNER CHILDS.

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Old Workmen.

An Englishman who is a large employer of labor has been investigating the arguments of those who say that a workingman under modern conditions becomes at an early age valueless. He has kept a record of all accidents that have incapacitated his men for three days and upward. The people engaged in his employment are from fifteen to sixty-five years of age, and he asserts that more accidents occur to men under thirty than to those over fifty. He says, "I would much rather intrust an exceptionally dangerous job to a man over fifty than to one of thirty years of age."

Drew His Picture.

It is told of Major General Sir William Gatacre of the British army that during the Sudan campaign he was one day going the round of the sentries. Stopping before one he asked him what his orders were. "To keep a sharp lookout for the enemy and also for General Gatacre," was the prompt reply. "Do you know him by sight?" asked the general "No, sir," answered the man, "but I was told that if I saw an officer fussing and swearing and rushing about that would be General Gatacre."

Against a Snap Judgment.

A boy in a Chicago school refused to sew, evidently considering it beneath the dignity of a ten-year-old man. "George Washington sewed," said the principal, taking it for granted that a soldier must, "and do you consider yourself better than George Washington?" "I don't know. Time will tell," said he seriously.—Popular Education.

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